

House Resolution

No. 17

Introduced by Assembly Members John A. Perez and Ammiano

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House Resolution No. 17—Relative to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month.

1 WHEREAS, Our great state and nation strive to promote the
2 egalitarian principles of equality and justice where all people have
3 inalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of
4 happiness; and

5 WHEREAS, California and America's diversity is one of our
6 greatest strengths; and

7 WHEREAS, To achieve a just and fair society, we must teach
8 our children to respect one another, to appreciate our differences,
9 and to recognize the common good in all of us; and

10 WHEREAS, Our great state protects its residents from
11 discrimination and harassment based on actual or perceived race,
12 color, religion, ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, physical or
13 mental ability, medical condition, sex, including gender identity,
14 or sexual orientation; and

15 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
16 have made important and lasting contributions to our great state
17 and nation in every field of endeavor including business, medicine,
18 law, humanities, science, literature, politics, education, music,
19 philanthropy, sports, arts, and culture that enrich our national life;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people
22 come from all walks of life, regardless of race, color, religion,

1 ancestry, ethnicity, national origin, economic status, physical or
2 mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity; and

3 WHEREAS, While our great state and nation have come a long
4 way in our journey toward dignity, understanding, and mutual
5 respect for all, we still have a long way to go in eradicating the
6 prejudice and discrimination that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and
7 transgender people encounter; and

8 WHEREAS, To build a stronger and better state and nation, we
9 must continue to help advance the cause of equality for all people,
10 including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people; and

11 WHEREAS, Each year in June marks the anniversary of the
12 Stonewall Rebellion that gave birth to the modern lesbian, gay,
13 bisexual, and transgender civil rights movement; and

14 WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans,
15 their families and friends, and all those committed to justice and
16 equality celebrate during the month of June the notable
17 achievements and outstanding services that lesbian, gay, bisexual,
18 and transgender Americans make to our great state and nation;
19 now, therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
21 Assembly of the State of California proclaims June 2009 as
22 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month,
23 urges all residents to join in celebrating the accomplishments and
24 contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people,
25 and encourages the people of California to work to help advance
26 the cause of equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender
27 people; and be it further

28 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall transmit
29 copies of this resolution to the Members of the Legislature and to
30 the author for appropriate distribution.